

# Let's Get Acquainted

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Wave Columnist

Hebert J. Edwards was born Nov. 28, 1907, in Thayne, Lincoln County, Wyoming; he was the youngest of 10 children born to Benjamin and Hanna Toolson Edwards.

All of Herb's boyhood was spent in or near Thayne, on the farm owned by his mother, as his father died when Herb was four months old. Herb said he cannot remember a school year when he started before the crops were in, or when he was in class during the spring planting; it took all of the family to do the work and stay out of debt.

When Herb was seven years old, he held his first paying job, he worked for his brother, John, during summers until he was 16 years old.

Herb finished elementary school then his mother moved to Afton and he graduated from the "new" Afton High School in 1927. Theirs was the largest graduating class, there were 28 students. He graduated from high school in three years.

On Nov. 2, 1927, Herbert J. Edwards married Leona Barington. She didn't like living in Star Valley, so they moved to Preston, Idaho. Herb farmed and worked for wages through the fall of 1931; then he moved back to run his mother's ranch until 1937, when

northern part of Utah, and then to settle near the Blackfoot reservation. The Stander family settled about eight miles west of Blackfoot, Idaho, near the small town of Thomas that sprung up as the settlers came in.

Geraldine remembers her grandmother Kraus as being quite an important and well liked woman who was from Switzerland and very well educated. She was skilled in the use of herbs. She worked with medical doctors, she often took over when the medical doctor gave up.

Geraldine graduated from the Blackfoot High School, and went on to graduate from the L.D.S. Business College. She found a good position with an insurance company in Salt Lake when she married Keith Eccols in 1940; they were married in the LDS Salt Lake Temple.

Less than a year after their marriage, Keith was drafted. When he returned four years later, he was not a well man. They wanted a large family, but Geraldine was unable to bear a child before they had been married eight years. Four years later, they adopted a handicapped child. Not long after this, Keith died. A few months later Geraldine had polio; she was quite ill, but recovered with no physical



Herbert and Geraldine Edwards

ter for seven years before he was retired in 1972.

Both Herb and Geraldine have been faithful workers in the LDS Church, they filled a four year mission with the Indians on the Fort Hall Reservation, between Pocatello and Blackfoot, Idaho. When Herb was 17 years old he began teaching in church and has taught most of the time since. He

with visitors who come to their home.

I have never been in a home where more love and contentment has been evidenced. They are a cheerful family who enjoys one another's company.

I asked how they had decided to live in Wallsburg, and they said their daughter, Eva Lee and her husband, Ben Young, were living



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there and they know what  
Geraldine and Herb had many  
allergies which were being aggr-  
vated by the pollens of orchards  
and other plants in and around  
Payson, Utah, where they had  
been living for some time. They  
visited their daughter and found  
they were not allergic to the things  
growing in Wallisburg, so they  
bought a home and moved there a  
little less than two years ago.  
They feel completely safe there  
and love the people and the beauty  
of the alfalfa fields. They are  
happy to breathe the good air.  
Herb now has a bad heart and  
must have a lot of bed rest. He  
has a hospital bed in the large  
livingroom where he can be with  
the family and friends. He is able  
to move about and is fully dressed  
each day.  
We hope that all of you take care  
of yourselves so you may enjoy  
many days of the great love that  
you have for one another.

enjoys working with her  
Herb has served 14 years in stake  
missions. Both have served in  
many stake and ward positions.  
They started with the Foster  
Children program in 1968 when  
they were asked by a case worker  
to take a handicapped child. In all,  
they have opened their home to 29  
handicapped children in response  
to their need for help. They found  
a welcome home and loving care.  
Herb and Geraldine would have  
adopted all of them, but Herb was  
past the limit of 60 years.  
However, they were permitted to  
adopt three of them, two are still  
living and with them now. Robert  
was born Feb. 29, 1968, he is now  
16 years old, strongly built and  
likable. The little girl, Mary, was  
born Oct. 26, 1972, passed away.  
Casey, who is now 11 years old  
was born Nov. 29, 1972. He will  
always need special care as he is  
unable to walk or do anything for  
himself. The two boys are friendly

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The Board of Educat-  
ion will be accepting  
bids on the following

district as a maintenance carpen-

Herb found work with the school  
up.  
until the housing business picked  
wasn't enough need for materials  
selling job failed because there  
with his job as salesman. The  
started carpentering again along  
so they moved to Pocatello. Herb  
Idaho, over an eight county area,  
selling building materials. In  
Willard where Herb found work

The Edward's family moved to  
the families.  
longer be an industry to support  
gone because there would no  
bulldozed under, 130 new homes  
600. The new housing unit was  
employees dropped from 11,000 to  
Thiokol "folded." The company's  
City, Utah, until 1963 when  
married, they lived in Bear River  
After Geraldine and Herb were

higher education.  
of pride to her as he advances in  
LDS mission and is a great source  
fine young man, he has filled an  
She adopted the boy and he is a  
allow her to raise it as her own.

her if she would bear the child and  
and to plead that she would help  
baby. Geraldine went to visit her  
who was planning to abort her  
she heard of a young Lamonte girl  
recovering from this illness,  
sharper than before. While  
crippling, and her mind even

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burg) PURPOSE AND  
PERIOD OF USE

stock called to help settle the  
people were of the old pioneer  
Their farm was large; her father's  
and Margaret Kraus Stander.  
Geraldine was born to Ralph  
married.  
On Dec. 24, 1959, they were  
named Geraldine Stander Eccles.  
where he met a young widow  
Herb went on a job to Nevada

well.  
accept the parting and manage  
boys; they were all of an age to  
there were three girls and three  
divorced. From this marriage

In 1959, he and Leona were  
School District for four years.  
carpenter foreman for the Davis  
made a good living. He became  
and opened a cabinet shop and  
Herb took up carpentering again  
ville, Utah. While in Centerville,  
property and moved to Center-  
work the farm. They sold the  
developed arthritis and could not  
was a nice irrigated farm but Herb  
farm near Etma, in Star Valley. It

In 1942 to 1953, they bought a  
ness.

started his own carpenter busi-  
did carpentering. He eventually  
Riverdale. Here he farmed and  
property and moved down to  
do anything. Herb sold his  
meant that no one had enough to  
she divided the property, this  
crippling, and her mind even